



## IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTT

### State Highway 75 Big Wood River Bridge Blaine County, Idaho

#### **CALL FOR ARTISTS: Request for Qualifications**

RFQ Submission Deadline: 5pm MDST, Friday, September 25, 2015

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), and The Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee invite professional artists to submit qualifications to be considered for creating arts elements for the Big Wood River Bridge (WR Bridge). The current art program budget for the project is \$100,000.00 that includes artists fee, fabrication and installation costs, artist selection and administrative costs. This price is proposed by ITD and will be verified in September of 2015. Travel costs for the commissioned artist will be negotiated and will be paid based on standard State per diem.

**Eligibility:** This project is open to professional artists 18 years or older. Students are not eligible. The project is open to applicants regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, or disability. Incomplete, ineligible, or late applications will not be reviewed. Applicants must be residents of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Montana.

**Project Description and History:** The Idaho Transportation Department will be replacing and widening the bridge spanning the Big Wood River on State Highway 75, approximately 1 mile south of Ketchum, Idaho (Mile Post 126.3). The project is planned for construction in 2016/17.

The Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee, and a Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that arts elements be incorporated into the bridge enlivening the otherwise commonplace infrastructure. ITD endorsed the request. After numerous discussions, the designation for work shall be as follows:

The project will commission one artist to design, fabricate and deliver up to six metal art sculptural panels for the Big Wood River Bridge. The panels will be integrated into the bridge and mounted per specifications and drawings stamped by an ITD engineer. Approximate size 120" high x 48" wide, x 3/16" thick. Location: two at each entry/exit and two on either side of the center of the bridge. Artwork will be mounted on the bridge curb wall attached to the bridge. Dimensions are provided for concept consideration only. Artwork may not overhang the roadway without special agreement with ITD. Overhang along the river-side and parallel to the roadway will be reviewed for agreement during artist's design development.

**Special Consideration:** The local community emphasized that particular concern for area wildlife should be incorporated into the structure of the bridge. In response, ITD has created higher underpasses to accommodate wildlife passage as well as adding rock walls in order to integrate into the natural environment as much as possible. Final designs will need to be attentive to those concerns. Guidelines for final work should consider wildlife, area histories, and/or recreational references.

Attached are images of the bridge, for more concept designs go to

[www.itd.idaho.gov/projects/D4/Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum](http://www.itd.idaho.gov/projects/D4/Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum)

[Go to the “Big Wood River Bridge to Elkhorn Road” link to see Bridge Aesthetics, Layout Environmental Issues, Schedule, Bridge Renderings and Strip Map.](#)

[NOTE: The railroad trestle bridge in the background carries the Blaine County Bike Path Hike & Bike Trail.](#)

### **Artist Selection Process:**

This is a two-stage process. The first stage is a *Request for Qualifications*, from which up to four artists will be invited to the second round, a *Request for Proposal*. Only the four selected artists will be chosen to create a preliminary concept design proposal. Each of these four artists will receive an honorarium of \$500.00 following submittal of their proposal. One artist will be selected to create work for the Big Wood River Bridge and will enter into a contract with the Idaho Transportation Department.

NOTE: In the RFQ stage, *no proposals will be accepted nor will be seen by the Project Selection Panel.*

### **Request For Qualifications**

Applying artists are required to digitally submit the following application materials by the stated deadline of 5:00pm MDST, Friday, September 25, 2015

- A letter of interest, one page only, stating interest in the project as well as what has prepared and qualified the artist for this work.
- 5 – 8 digital images (100 dpi) representative of artist/applicant’s work.
- An annotated image sheet with artist’s name, title of work, date produced, medium, dimensions and location.
- Current resume, no more than two pages.
- Artist statement no more than one page if it conveys information not represented in the Letter of Interest.
- Three References from professional contacts or site installations affiliations.

### **Selection Panel**

The Project Selection Panel will be composed of representatives of ITD, The Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee, The City of Sun Valley, The City of Ketchum (Arts Commission members), The City of Hailey (Arts Commission members),

a Public Art Consultant, Blaine County Recreation Department, and a local artist or gallery representative.

The Selection Panel will review submitted work and evaluate the applications based on the following criteria:

- Quality of submitted work
- Appropriateness of the artist's work in consideration of the project
- Artistic experience represented in the artist's resume

Note that artists may be asked for further materials after the jury has reviewed their qualifications.

### **Request For Proposal**

In the second phase of the selection process, up to four artists will be asked to produce concept ideas and preliminary designs. These will be reviewed by the Project Selection Panel. Each of the four selected artists will enter into a Letter of Agreement for their proposal and will receive an honorarium of \$500.00 once drawings and designs are provided. Artists will be notified of the honorarium approval and be required to submit an invoice to ITD. Artists will provide a preliminary budget at Concept Design then a final budget as part of the Final Proposal if selected to create the artwork for the bridge.

The final chosen artist will be required to interact with ITD engineers, the bridge designer, and bridge contractor.

### **Insurance Requirements:**

Artists will be required to carry a General Liability Policy in the amount of \$1M per occurrence with ITD as an additional named insured.

### **Questions**

Questions should be submitted to Steve Hunter \* (see e-mail address below)  
Submitting artists can choose to be on an e-mail distribution list containing all questions and answers concerning the project by sending an e-mail request to Steve Hunter.  
Otherwise answers to questions will be posted on the ITD website.

### **RFQ Timeline:**

\*Last day to submit RFQ questions: Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Final RFQ questions/answers posted on Web Site: Tuesday, September 22, 2015

RFQ Submission Deadline: Friday, September 25, 2015

Jury Review of Submittals: Between Wednesday, September 28 – Friday, Oct 16, 2015

Artist's Notifications: The Week of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Issue of Request for Proposal and Letter of Agreement: Wednesday, October 23, 2015

Please do not contact ITD regarding results of the Selection Process. All submitting artists will receive notification by e-mail.

Applications should be submitted to  
Steven K. Hunter  
Design Staff Engineer  
Idaho Transportation Dept. [steve.hunter@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:steve.hunter@itd.idaho.gov)

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